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As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis together, please continue reaching out to us as issues arise for you and for your businesses. We are and will continue to remain in regular contact with key stakeholders at the State Agencies and with the Administration to advocate on your behalf. Below please find updates and new information since our last update.

WHAT'S NEW TODAY

Governor Cuomo Press Briefing

- The press briefing took place at Northwell Health on Long Island. Michael J. Dowling the CEO of Northwell Health joined the Governor and his team. Additionally Eric Schmidt, former CEO and Executive Chairman of Google and founder of Schmidt Futures, joined via teleconference.
- The total number of hospitalizations remains below 10,000. Additionally, the number of new cases was down, with 601 cases on May 5th.



- There were a total of 232 COVID-19-related deaths on May 5th. Of these, 207 were hospital deaths and 25 were in nursing homes. This is a slight increase from the day before. A total of 19,877 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- The Governor’s main focus is the number of new cases. The State has been working with hospitals to gather more specific information on new cases to develop a plan to decrease the number of hospitalizations.



- According to the data gathered so far, most of the people hospitalized are primarily located Downstate, disproportionately minorities, more men than women and a high percentage of comorbidities.
- What was most surprising about the findings is that most people were at home, not taking public transportation, and not essential employees. This reaffirms how it is necessary to take precautionary measures to protect yourself - wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and vulnerable populations should stay home.



- The Governor alerted that there is a hot spot in Upstate New York at an essential agricultural business located in Madison and Oneida counties. There are dozens of cases coming from employees. He reiterated that hotspots are not about meat or vegetables plants, but density and large gatherings.
- The Governor announced that as a part of the Reimagining New York plan, the State will be working with the “best minds” to build back better. New York will be partnering with Michael Dowling from Northwell Health to lead the efforts for public health, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for education, and Mayor Bloomberg to create a testing and tracing system. Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google and founder of Schmidt Ventures, will serve as Chair of a 15-member blue-ribbon commission on incorporating new technologies into our economy.



- The Governor recognized National Nurses Day and thanked all nurses for being heroes and showing up. As a thank you to medical professionals and nurses, JetBlue will be donating a pair of round-trip flights to 10,000 New York medical professionals.



- The Governor urged New Yorkers to vote by absentee ballot in light of the court decision yesterday to proceed with the New York Presidential Primary.

[Executive Order 202.27](#)

The Executive Order issued the following directives through June 4th:

Allow medical professionals without a current New York license, including those licensed out of state and in Canada, the ability to continue to provide necessary services related to New York's COVID-19 response.

[NYC Executive Order 111](#)

- Authorizes hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers in New York City to resume elective outpatient treatment if they meet the criteria in [Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.25](#).
- Extends the Campaign Finance Board's deadline notification for contributions exceeding the doing business limitation from four business days to eight business days. Additionally, it extends the notification deadline for contributions exceeding the doing business limitation from twenty days to sixty days.
- Suspends the requirement for the Campaign Finance Board to schedule an adjudication or serve a petition within ninety days of a candidate or principal committee's response to a notice of alleged violations and selection of adjudication process.
- Suspends the requirement that the Voter Assistance Advisory Committee convene at least every other month, provided that such committee shall meet at reasonable intervals as practicable.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Education Department:
 - [Guidance on Secondary Perkins V Local Applications in Response to COVID-19](#)
- New York State Insurance Fund:
 - [Help for Policy Holders](#)

- Empire State Development: [Guidance for Determining Whether a Business Enterprise is Subject to a Workforce Reduction Under Recent Executive Orders](#)
 - There have been no changes since our last update.
- New York City: [Agency Suspensions and Reductions](#)

Attached please find a comprehensive document with guidance from across government agencies. We will be updating this document as information becomes available and including it in our daily updates.

In addition to our regular email updates, Ostroff Associates has established two dedicated webpages that will be updated in real time with any new information from government sources relating to COVID-19. Please use these websites as a resource and share with others who would benefit.

Update Page: <https://www.ostroffassociates.com/covid-19-updates/>

News Page: <https://www.ostroffassociates.com/category/covid-19/>

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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